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SIX BARBADIAN DANCERS CHOSEN TO DANCE AT BARCLAY'S CENTER

- The Brooklynets Dance Team have chosen Barbadian dancers to join them for
Barbados Night on April 3 –**

An intense two-day audition held by the electric Brooklyn Nets basketball dance team, the Brooklynets came to an exciting close yesterday as six female Barbadian dancers were chosen to travel to Brooklyn, New York.

For the first time in history the dance team held auditions outside of Brooklyn and Barbados was their first pick. Initially, two lucky dancers would have received the opportunity to perform with the dance team. However, after the Brooklynets professed how blown away they were with the talent, the team selected six dancers to dance on 'Barbados Night' at Barclay's Center during the Brooklyn Nets vs. Toronto Raptors game.

The ladies who were chosen out of the 11 semi-finalists are: Zhane Padmore, Aisha Comissiong, Keisha Dowridge, Nandi Yard, Asha Weekes and Shameka Walters. Eusi Skeete, Senior Business Development Officer, Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. (BTMI) USA, mentioned, "We are very excited about this partnership between the BTMI and the Brooklynets, as we saw this was a ripe market for Barbados to showcase the destination to a very wide audience.

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We wanted to bring the Barbadian flare to Brooklyn and give local talent the opportunity to showcase what they have to offer. Therefore, we look forward to continuing this beneficial partnership to continue to showcase Barbados to New York and to the world.”

During Barbados Night at Barclay’s Center, the entire arena comes alive as the island is showcased from beginning to end through many mediums. Previously Alison Hinds, Nikita and Mahalia from Two Mile Hill sang the National Anthem during Barbados Night and this year the BTMI is proud to announce it will be showcased through dance.

Criscia Long, Director of Entertainment Marketing of the Brooklynettes was moved to tears as she said, “After coming to Barbados for the past four seasons, this particular experience was magical as these talented ladies took it to the next level. Being able to give them this opportunity to bring Bajan flare to Brooklyn and Barclay’s Center is very exciting and we can’t wait to welcome them.”

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About Barbados

The island of Barbados offers the most authentic Caribbean experience with its exceptionally rich culture and history rooted in remarkable landscapes. Rated as one of the world's sexiest beaches in 2008 by Concierge.com; Barbados' Crane Beach in St. Philip stands as a premier destination for travellers. Barbados is also the first Zagat-rated Caribbean island and is known as the culinary capital of the Caribbean. Barbados has hosted several world class events including: The annual Barbados Food & Rum Festival; the 2006 PGA World Golf Championships-Barbados World Cup, the ICC Cricket World Cup Finals in 2007, the Sentebale Charity Polo match with Prince Harry of Wales in 2010, and the ICC Twenty20 Cricket Finals for 2010, and the Rihanna LOUD concert in 2011. Accommodations range from picturesque plantation houses and villas, to quaint bed and breakfasts and award-winning, five-star resorts. Grantley Adams International Airport offers even more non-stop and direct service from a growing number of U.S. cities, making Barbados the true gateway to the Eastern Caribbean. Barbados was voted eighth in the World by Trip Advisor's "2008 Traveler’s Choice Destination Awards" in its Top 100 Destinations category. For more information on travel to Barbados, visit www.visitbarbados.org, follow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VisitBarbados>, via Twitter @Barbados.